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FOR: COMPOSITE OXIDE, PROCESS

FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,

CATALYST FOR PURIFYING EXHAUST GAS, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING

THE SAME

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.